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Seventieth session

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First Committee

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Other documents: Organization of work (A/C.1/70/1, A/C.1/70/INF/1, A/C.1/70/INF/2, A/C.1/70/INF/4, A/C.1/70/CRP.1, A/C.1/70/CRP.2 and A/C.1/70/CRP.3).]

[The list of speakers for thematic discussion is now closed. Delegations are reminded that the time limit for statements during the thematic discussions is *five minutes* when speaking in the national capacity, and *seven minutes* for statements on behalf of several delegations. The list of delegations has been issued and is available in the Conference Room.

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378; Room S-3057). Background information on the Committee is available and accessible to Member States and permanent observers on the First Committee QuickFirst Website (*click here*). For inquiries regarding access to QuickFirst, kindly contact Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org). Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the seventieth session of the First Committee of the General Assembly. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart1@un.org. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statement will appear on the First Committee PaperSmart portal (*click here*) only when read out by the delegation. A First Committee side events calendar is available by *clicking here*. To have an event added on the list, please contact Ms. Soo Hyun Kim (e-mail kim12@un.org).]

Second Committee

10:00 to 13:00 — 25th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 2

Agriculture development, food security and nutrition (A/70/92, A/70/92/Corr.1, A/70/333, A/70/129 and A/C.2/70/2) [item 26]

Introductory statement, followed by "question time"

General discussion

15:00 to 18:00 — 26th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 2

Agriculture development, food security and nutrition (A/70/92, A/70/92/Corr.1, A/70/333, A/70/129 and A/C.2/70/2) [item 26]

Continuation and conclusion of the general discussion

[The Second Committee programme of work and status of documentation, including background information and side events for the seventieth session of the General Assembly are available on the

website of the Committee (*click here*).The list of speakers for the general discussion on individual agenda items of the Second Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, the Acting Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org)).

Deadline for inscription to the lists of speakers for the general discussion on individual agenda items is *18:00* of the day before the consideration of the item. Pursuant to General Assembly decision 65/530 on improving the working methods of the Second Committee, delegations are reminded that the time limits of *five minutes* for individual Member States and *seven minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during the general discussion on individual agenda items will be observed. The lists of speakers will be prepared on the basis of these time limits.

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are available during the session. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through PaperSmart should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The name of the mission, date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. Please note that PDF format is preferred. Statements will be made available on the Second Committee PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations.

Delegations are requested to submit, *as soon as possible*, the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Acting Secretary of the Second Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; Room S-1291; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail. For inquiries regarding access to the Second Committee QuickPlace, please contact Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (e-mail 2ndcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8429).

Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on Second Committee matters should be sent, *as soon as possible but no later than 17:00* of the day before the meeting, to Ms. Patricia Anholt Habr (e-mail habrp@un.org, tel. 1 (212) 963-5724).]

Third Committee

10:00 to 13:00 37th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [item 70]

   (a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (A/70/18 and A/70/321)

   (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/70/339, A/70/367, A/70/309 and A/70/335)

2. Right of peoples to self-determination (A/70/314 and A/70/330) [item 71]

Introductory statement, followed by "question time"

Deputy to the Head, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) a.i.

Introductory statement, followed by interactive dialogue

Chair, Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

Oral report, followed by interactive dialogue

Chair, Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

Introductory statement, followed by interactive dialogue

Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

15:00 to 18:00 38th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [item 70]

   (a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (A/70/18 and A/70/321)

   (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/70/339, A/70/367, A/70/309 and A/70/335)

2. Right of peoples to self-determination (A/70/314 and A/70/330) [item 71]

General discussion

[The list of speakers for the general discussion on the remaining items of the Third Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail slthirdcommittee@un.org). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail lpthirdcommittee@un.org; Room S-1286)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail. Background information on the work of the Third Committee, including the provisional programme of work for the seventieth session as well as deadlines for inscription in the speakers lists and submission of draft proposals, is available by *clicking here*. All delegations that have not yet done so are kindly requested to transmit to the secretariat of the Third Committee, the completed form listing the duly accredited diplomats of their mission wishing to use the eSponsorship platform and QuickPlace. The form should be e-mailed to thirdcommittee@un.org. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords for Third Committee QuickPlace and the eSponsorship platform, please contact Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail thirdcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4882).

Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on draft proposals should be sent to Ms. Patricia Anholt Habr (e-mail habrp@un.org). Delegations are reminded that dissemination of their statements via PaperSmart is available. Delegations wishing to circulate statements electronically should e-mail the statement(s) at least one hour in advance of expected delivery to papersmart3@un.org. The agenda item under which the statement is to be delivered, as well as the date of the meeting should be clearly indicated on the first page of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.]

Fifth Committee

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017)

(A/70/6 (Introduction)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 1), A/70/6 (Sect. 2), A/70/6 (Sect. 2)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 3), A/70/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 4)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 5), A/70/6 (Sect. 5)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 6), A/70/6 (Sect. 7), A/70/6 (Sect. 8)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 8)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 9)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 10), A/70/6 (Sect. 11)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 12), A/70/6 (Sect. 13), A/70/6 (Sect. 14), A/70/6 (Sect. 14)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 15), A/70/6 (Sect. 16), A/70/6 (Sect. 17), A/70/6 (Sect. 17)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 18), A/70/6 (Sect. 18)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 19), A/70/6 (Sect. 20), A/70/6 (Sect. 21), A/70/6 (Sect. 22), A/70/6 (Sect. 23), A/70/6 (Sect. 24), A/70/6 (Sect. 24)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 25), A/70/6 (Sect. 26), A/70/6 (Sect. 27), A/70/6 (Sect. 28), A/70/6 (Sect. 28)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 28)/Corr.2, A/70/6 (Sect. 29), A/70/6 (Sect. 29A), A/70/6 (Sect. 29A)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 29B)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 29C)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 29C)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 29D),

A/70/6 (Sect. 29E)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 29F), A/70/6 (Sect. 29F)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 29G), A/70/6 (Sect. 29H)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 30), A/70/6 (Sect. 31), A/70/6 (Sect. 8)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 33)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 34), A/70/6 (Sect. 35), A/70/6 (Sect. 36)*, A/70/6 (Income Sect. 1), A/70/6 (Income Sect. 2), A/70/6 (Income Sect. 3), A/70/97, A/70/86, A/70/7, A/70/16* (Chapter II A – relevant parts), A/70/80* (Chapter I), A/70/280 and A/70/280/Add.1)

15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 134 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Global Service Delivery Model (GSDM) (A/70/323* and A/70/436))

Agenda item 142 (Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight services) and *agenda item 132* (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations) (A/70/318 (Part I), A/70/318 (Part I)/Corr.1, A/70/318 (Part I)/Add.1 and A/70/284)

[The list of speakers for the general discussion on all agenda items before the Fifth Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, in writing, Ms. Ilene McGrade (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org). In addition to providing 25 copies of their statement to the Conference Room Officer, delegations are kindly requested to provide an electronic copy of their statement to the secretariat of the Committee (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org), prior to the start of the meeting.

Background information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the provisional draft programme of work for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is available by *clicking here*.]

Sixth Committee

10:00 to 13:00 17th meeting [webcast] Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session (A/70/10) [item 83]

[Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the seventieth session of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal (*click here*) should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of the delivery to papersmart6@un.org. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statement will appear on the Sixth Committee PaperSmart portal only when read out by the delegation.

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org, Room DC2-0566; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Delegates are invited to access the online form on the website of the Sixth Committee for purposes of registering for the Committee's UNITE Connections community (for the seventieth session), as well as to join the e-mail contact list of representatives attending the Sixth Committee.]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Programme Budget Implications - Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
2. Executive meeting

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Ninth session

Organizational Committee

An informal meeting of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held *on Monday, 2 November 2015,* at 15:00, in Conference Room 6.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Thirty-ninth session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf on *Monday, 2 November 2015,* from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

Monday, 2 November 2015

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 73) (convened by the delegation of the European Union)

From 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9.

Second Committee

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.11, entitled "World Tsunami Day" (under agenda item 20 (c)) (convened by the delegations of Chile and Japan)

From 09:00 to 10:30, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.15, entitled "International Strategy for Disaster Reduction" (under agenda item 20 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Thailand)

From 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.12, entitled "Agricultural technology for development" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Israel)

From 11:30 to 13:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Operational Activities for Development" (under agenda item 25) (convened by the delegation of Colombia)

From 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room F.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.6, entitled "Culture and sustainable development" (under agenda item 22 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)

From 15:00 to 18:00, at the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica (211 East 43rd Street, Suite 1002).

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.8, entitled "Women in development" (under agenda item 24 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Rwanda)

From 17:00 to 18:30, in Conference Room B.

Third Committee

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.28, entitled "Rights of the Child" (under agenda item 68 (a)) (convened by the delegations of the European Union and Uruguay (on behalf of GRULAC))

From 09:00 to 11:00, in Conference Room F.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.11, entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth" (under agenda item 28 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the Republic of Moldova)

From 10:00 to 11:00, in Conference Room E.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.14, entitled "Persons with albinism" (under agenda item 28) (convened by the delegations of Malawi and the United Republic of Tanzania)

From 10:30 to 12:30, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.22, entitled "Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women" (under agenda item 29 (a)) and draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.21, entitled "International Covenants on Human Rights" (under agenda item 72 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Denmark and Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries))

From 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance" (under agenda item 70) (convened by the delegations of the Russian Federation)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.7, entitled "Violence against women migrant workers" (under agenda item 29 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Indonesia and the Philippines)

From 13:30 to 15:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.24, entitled "Improvement of the situation of women and girls in rural areas" (under agenda item 29 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

From 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.26, entitled "Rights of indigenous peoples" under agenda item 69 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Plurinational State of Bolivia)

From 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.8, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 106) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

From 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Egypt)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 12.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards a Multilateral Legal Instrument to Promote and Protect the Human Rights and Dignity of Older Persons" (under the agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

From 17:00 to 18:30, in Conference Room C.

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

14:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on Third Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 21:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly

11:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 7

OIC Group (Sixth Committee experts)

13:15 to 14:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Other activities

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Monday, 2 November 2015

Dialogue with International Law Practitioners on "Dispute Adjudication" (organized by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO))

From 08:00 to 09:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net).]

Expert Group Meeting on "Policy Responses to Low Fertility" (co-organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the East-West Center)

From 09:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Theresa Nguyen, Population Division, DESA (e-mail poppolicy@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8089).]

Briefing on "The Economics and Politics of the Poverty Line" by the World Bank Group Chief Economist (organized by the World Bank)

From 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Achraf Rissafi, World Bank (e-mail arissafi@worldbank.org; tel. 1 (212) 317-4721).]

Briefing on "The humanitarian situation in Somalia" (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))

From 12:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Margarette Pradel, OCHA (e-mail pradel@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2217).]

Panel discussion on "Ending impunity for crimes against journalists: putting resolutions into practice" (on the occasion of the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Greece and Lithuania, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

From 13:15 to 14:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Arun Abraham, UNESCO (e-mail a.abraham@unesco.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5995).]

Briefing on "Activities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF)" (organized by the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) Office, Department of Political Affairs)

From 15:00 to 16:30, in the Economic and Social Chamber.

[The briefing is open only to permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. John Michael Medina, CTITF (e-mail medina9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-6290).]

Informal discussion on international Law: 26th Legal Advisers Meeting (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Roxanne Brûlé, Permanent Mission of Canada (e-mail roxanne.brule@international.gc.ca; tel. 1 (212) 848-1179).]

Technical briefing to provide an update on the preparations towards the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), to be held in Quito, Ecuador (17-20 October 2016) (organized by Habitat III secretariat)

From 15:15 to 17:00, in Conference Room F.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Fatoumata Diarra, Habitat III secretariat (e-mail diarra1@un.org, tel. 1 (212) 963-2947).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Monday, 2 November 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of November (United Kingdom) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the programme of work for the month, on Tuesday, 3 November 2015, at 11:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold plenary meetings, in the General Assembly Hall as follows:

On Wednesday, 4 November 2015, at 10:00, to consider agenda item 118 (Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade) (reports of the Secretary-General (A/70/221 and A/70/136)) and draft resolution (A/70/L.5) (to be issued)).

On Thursday, 5 November 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, to consider agenda item 75 (Report of the International Court of Justice) (document (A/70/4)) and report of the Secretary-General (A/70/327)) and agenda item 78 (Report of the International Criminal Court) (note by the Secretary-General (A/70/350)) and reports of the Secretary-General (A/70/317 and A/70/346)).

On Friday, 6 November 2015, at 10:00, to consider agenda item 78 (Report of the International Criminal Court) (note by the Secretary-General (A/70/350) and reports of the Secretary-General (A/70/317 and A/70/346).

On Monday, 9 November 2015, at 10:00, to consider sub-item (b) of agenda item 113 (Election of thirty members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law), sub-item (e) of agenda item 114 (Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences) (document (A/70/107)), sub-item (f) of agenda item 114 (Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit) (document (A/70/106)) and sub-item (b) of agenda item 112 (Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council) to hold a by-election to elect a member of the Economic and Social Council (document A/70/426).

Delegations wishing to speak are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org) with copy to Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org); tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

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There will be an informal meeting of the plenary on Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 13:30 to 14:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to hear a briefing on the ongoing preparations for the 21st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 29 October 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Announcement

There will be an informal meeting organized by the President of the General Assembly, on Thursday, 5 November 2015, at 11:45, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to hear a briefing by the Chair of the United Nations Statistical Commission and a representative of the Statistical Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on progress in developing the global indicator framework for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 27 October 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 3 November 2015

General Assembly
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10:00 45th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Strengthening of the United Nations system: draft resolution (A/70/L.6) [item 122]
2. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [item 119]
   Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [item 120]

Joint debate

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 79 (b) (Sustainable fisheries) of the seventieth session of the General Assembly will be held from Tuesday, 10, to Tuesday, 17 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) of the seventieth session of the General Assembly will be held from Wednesday, 18, to Tuesday, 24 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

The agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was adopted on 18 September 2015 (document A/70/251 and A/70/251/Add.1), see documents A/70/252 and A/70/252/Add.1 for allocation of items.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in document A/70/100.

The programme of the work and the schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its seventieth session were issued on 7 October 2015 in document A/INF/70/3. Updates to the programme of work will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please *click here*.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; with a copy to heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

PaperSmart Services

Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed

by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

Specifically, the General Assembly conducted the elections of five non-permanent members of the Security Council for the term 2016-2017 and of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council for the term 2016-2018, during the main part of the session. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place during the resumed part of the session, in the *spring of 2016*.

Subsequently, these elections will be conducted once during each session of the General Assembly, in the spring, in accordance with the above-mentioned resolution. A memorandum, dated 22 October 2014, was sent by the Director, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, to the Chairs of the regional groups for that month.

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Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 17th meeting on Tuesday, 3 November 2015, at 15:00, in Conference Room 4, to continue the general debate on agenda item 56 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) (A/70/95 and A/70/357).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 11th meeting on Tuesday, 3 November 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 11th meeting and at 15:00, in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

2015 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

The 2015 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Monday, 9 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2, and will continue from 15:00 to 18:00, if necessary.

Delegations are requested to submit, *in writing*, the names of their representatives attending the Pledging Conference to the Secretary of the Conference, Ms. Radhika Ochalik (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

The list of speakers for the Pledging Conference is now *open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, the Secretary of the Conference (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the Pledging Conference. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart@un.org.

The date and subject of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Pledging Conference PaperSmart portal (*click here*) only after delivery by delegations.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 73 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in *Conference Room 8*; and

Thursday, 5 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 73) (convened by the delegation of the European Union)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him" (under agenda item 129) (convened by the delegations of Sweden and Zambia)

Thursday, 5 November 2015, from 10:00 to 11:00, in Conference Room 12.

Second Committee

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.16, entitled "Human resources development" (under agenda item 24 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Bahamas)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Room S-25MM2.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.5, entitled "International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development, 2017" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.10, entitled "Towards comprehensive cooperation among all modes of transport for promoting sustainable multimodal transit corridors" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Turkmenistan)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 1.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.4, entitled "Proclamation of an International Day of Women in Science" (under agenda item 22 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Malta)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 13:30 to 14:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Climate change" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of France)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 14:30 to 16:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.8, entitled "Women in development" (under agenda item 24 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Rwanda)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room E.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Qatar)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room F.

Third Committee

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 09:00 to 10:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping, stigmatization, discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against persons, based on religion or belief" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Egypt)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 09:30 to 11:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.25, entitled "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto" (under agenda item 72 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico, New Zealand and Sweden)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 10:00 to 11:15, in Conference Room F.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities" (under agenda item 72) (convened by the delegation of Austria)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.11, entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth" (under agenda item 28 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the Republic of Moldova)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 11:30 to 13:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of and Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Norway)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 13:00 to 15:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.10, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Qatar)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room F.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.15, entitled "Integrating volunteering into peace and development: the plan of action for the next decade and beyond" (under agenda item 28) (convened by the delegation of Brazil and Japan)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.29, entitled "The girl child" (under agenda item 68 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Botswana)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 16:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room F.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The human right to safe drinking water and sanitation" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegations of Germany and Spain)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 17:00 to 18:30, in Conference Room C.

Forthcoming other meetings

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International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

Forthcoming other activities

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Expert Group Meeting on "Policy Responses to Low Fertility" (co-organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the East-West Center)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 09:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Theresa Nguyen, Population Division, DESA (e-mail poppolicy@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8089).]

High-level event on "The importance of nationality in today's world" (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), in collaboration with the Permanent Missions of Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire, Germany, Italy and Thailand and the United States Mission)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact UNHCR Liaison Office in New York (Ms. Anne-Christine Eriksson, (e-mail eriksson@unhcr.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5229); or Ms. Els Jellema (e-mail jellema@unhcr.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9145).]

Briefing on "Policy Responses to Low Fertility" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea and the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 13:00 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kim Hae-ryun, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea (e-mail korea.un_2c@mofa.go.kr).]

Briefing on "The international humanitarian-law related issues of the thirty-second International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement" (organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Abby Zeith, ICRC (e-mail azeith@icrc.org; tel. 1 (212) 599-6021); or *click here*.]

Launch of the United Nations University Policy Report entitled *What Comes after the War on Drugs?* (organized by the United Nations University (UNU))

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the UNU New York Office (e-mail kinzli@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387); to register, please *click here*).]

Special event on "Confronting the Silence: Perspectives and Dialogue on Structural Racism against people of African Descent Worldwide" (on the occasion of the International Decade for People of African Descent) (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), in collaboration with the Unitarian Universalist Association, the Department of Public Information (DPI), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the International Organization of la Francophonie, Black Lives Matter and Amnesty International USA)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 13:30 to 15:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kellie Shandra Ognimba, OHCHR (e-mail ognimba@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 963 5348); to register, please *click here*.]

Informal discussion on international Law: 26th Legal Advisers Meeting (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Roxanne Brûlé, Permanent Mission of Canada (e-mail roxanne.brule@international.gc.ca; tel. 1 (212) 848-1179).]

Event on "Meet the Institute of International Law" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 08:30 to 09:45, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gabriela Potts, Permanent Mission of Switzerland (e-mail gabriela.potts@eda.admin.ch; tel. 1 (917) 289-9854).]

Informal briefing on "A platform for partnerships" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany and the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For more information, please contact Mr. Ola Goransson, DESA (e-mail goranssono@un.org).]

Event entitled "Terrorism and International Criminal Law: Debate on Legal Challenges related to a prospective International Court against Terrorism" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Romania and Spain)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room E.

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Corina Badea, Permanent Mission of Romania (e-mail corina.badea@romaniaun.org); or Ms. Maria Palacios, Permanent Mission of Spain (e-mail maria.palacios@maec.es).]

Exchange of views with members of the International Law Commission on "Identification of Customary International Law" (organized by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO))

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 6.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net).]

Panel discussion on "Responsibility of States: State of play and the way forward (part III)" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of the Czech Republic, Guatemala, Mexico, Portugal and South Africa)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Petra Benesova, Permanent Mission of Germany (e-mail petra_benesova@mzv.cz); or Mr. Joao Madureira, Permanent Mission of Portugal (e-mail joao.madureira@mne.pt).]

Event on "Identification of Customary International Law: Perspectives From the Fields of International Criminal Law and the Law of the Sea" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Cyprus and Peru, in collaboration with the American Society of International Law (ASIL) and the Latin American Society of International Law (LASIL))

Thursday, 5 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Vasiliki Krasa, Permanent Mission of Cyprus (e-mail vkrasa@cyprusun.org); or Ms. Christina Hioureas (e-mail chioureas@cyprusun.org); or Mr. Angel Horna, Permanent Mission of Peru (e-mail ahorna@unperu.org).]

Event on "Investment State Arbitration: Lessons Learned" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

Thursday, 5 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Isaias Medina, Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (e-mail isaiasmedina.venezuela@gmail.com; tel. 1 (646) 684-5824).]

Panel discussion on "Compendium of the High Level Review of United Nations Sanctions" (on the occasion of the presentation and public release of the Compendium) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia, Finland, Germany, Greece and Sweden, the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University and Compliance and Capacity Skills International, LLC)

Thursday, 5 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Lukas Boehm, Permanent Mission of Germany (e-mail pol-hosp5-vn@newy.diplo.de; tel. 1 (212) 940-0417).]

Panel discussion entitled "The duty of non-recognition of illegal situations in international law: Is the principle *ex iniuria non oritur ius* still valid?" (organized by Permanent Mission of Poland)

Thursday, 5 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Tomasz Tokarski, Permanent Mission of Poland (e-mail tomasz.tokarski@msz.gov.pl; tel. 1 (646) 559-7571).]

Panel discussion on "European Union Law Aspects of the Solution of the Migration Crisis" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic)

Monday, 9 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Petra Benesova, Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic (e-mail petra_benesova@mzv.cz).]

Briefing on "The new global investment landscape – investment policies for the twenty-first century" (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD))

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ena Sawh, UNCTAD (e-mail sawh@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6893).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *November 2015*:

Introduction to United Nations Documents

Law Library Overview

United Nations Regular Budget Documentation

Introduction to Subscription Databases and Resources

Introduction to Library Services

General Assembly Documentation

Security Council Documentation

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (http://www.un.org/depts/dhl).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available via the General Assembly website (*click here*).

2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Africa is scheduled to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from Monday, 1, to Friday, 26 February 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of African States.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 13 November 2015*.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 21 November, to Friday, 16 December 2016.

This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations and non-member States, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 13 November 2015*.

The three Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division (RCIL-Africa (e-mail rcil-africa@un.org); RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org)).

2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 1 December 2015*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 30 October 2015

Security Council

[archived video]

7547th meeting

Implementation of the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2010/507)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Security Council adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2015/19).

General Assembly

Seventieth session

[archived video]

43rd plenary meeting — *Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council* [item 121]

The President made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sierra Leone (on behalf of the African States), Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Saint Lucia (on behalf of the L.69 Group of countries), Italy (on behalf of the Uniting for Consensus Group), Kuwait (on behalf of the Arab States), Germany (on behalf of the Group of Four (G4)), Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), France, Liechtenstein, China, Thailand, the Russian Federation, India, the United Kingdom, the United States, San Marino, Indonesia, Pakistan, Brazil, Spain, Japan, Switzerland, Australia, Panama, Poland, Kenya and Nigeria.

44th plenary meeting — *Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council* [item 121]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 121.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Guatemala, Hungary, Uganda, Egypt, Malaysia, Zambia, Colombia, Mexico, Kazakhstan, Turkey, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Somalia, Croatia, the Republic of Korea, Argentina, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Costa Rica, Romania, Libya, Belgium, South Africa, Nicaragua, Maldives, Viet Nam, Bhutan, Suriname, Peru, Chile, Kuwait and Luxembourg.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 121.

Main Committees

First Committee

[archived video]

21st meeting — *Thematic discussions*

The Committee continued the second phase of its work, namely thematic discussion on specific subjects and the introduction and consideration of draft resolutions and decisions submitted on all disarmament and related international security agenda items (88 to 105).

The Committee continued its discussion on regional disarmament and security.

Statements were made by the representatives of Myanmar, Ukraine, Peru (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.42, entitled "United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean"), Morocco, Israel and Azerbaijan.

The representatives of the Russian Federation, Armenia, Ukraine and Azerbaijan made statements in exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee began its discussion on other disarmament measures and international security.

An introductory statement was made by the Chair of the Group of Governmental Experts on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security.

The meeting was suspended for an informal question-and-answer period.

The meeting was resumed.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, who introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/70/L.7 and A/C.1/70/L.10, entitled "Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control" and "Relationship between disarmament and development", respectively), Uruguay (on behalf of the Union of South American Nations), Egypt (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), the Russian Federation (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.45, entitled "Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security"), Algeria, Cuba, the United States, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Singapore, the Netherlands, Australia, China, Israel, India (who introduced draft decision A/C.1/70/L.22, entitled "Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament"), Switzerland, Italy, Pakistan, Ecuador, Kuwait, Spain and Malaysia (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.51, entitled "Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons" and, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.58, entitled "Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok Treaty)").

The Committee thus concluded its thematic discussion on specific subjects and the introduction and consideration of draft resolutions and decisions submitted on all disarmament and related international security agenda items (88 to 105).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

[archived video]

16th meeting

Address by the President of the General Assembly

The Committee heard an address by the President of the General Assembly.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [item 56]

Comprehensive review of the whole question of special political missions [item 57]

The Deputy Secretary-General introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the future of United Nations peace operations, contained in document A/70/357.

In the ensuing interactive dialogue, questions were posed by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt, Norway, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Pakistan and Rwanda, to which the Deputy Secretary-General responded.

The meeting was suspended.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [item 56]

Upon resumption of the meeting, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support.

Interactive dialogue

The Committee held an interactive dialogue with the Under-Secretaries-General in a closed meeting.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) and Thailand (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations).

Organization of work

The Chair brought to the attention of the Committee that the list of speakers under item 56 will be closed at 18:00 on Friday 30 October.

The Committee decided to extend the deadline for submitting draft proposals on decolonization items until Friday, 6 November, at 15:00.

Third Committee

[archived video]

35th meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights [item 72]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the sub-items and heard an introductory statement by the Under- Secretary- General for Political Affairs.

General discussion

The Committee began its general discussion of the sub- items and heard statements by the representatives of Ecuador (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)), Suriname (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Qatar (on behalf of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf), Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)), Ukraine (also on behalf of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States), Singapore, Colombia, the Philippines, Tunisia, Mexico, the United States, Egypt, Brazil, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Liechtenstein (also on behalf of Iceland), Algeria, the Russian Federation, Switzerland, Nigeria, Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Viet Nam, Norway, Cyprus, Kyrgyzstan, Greece and India.

A statement was also made by the observer of the Holy See.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Georgia) made a statement.

36th meeting

Social development [item 28]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.14

The representative of Malawi introduced the draft resolution.

Burundi, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.15

The representative of Brazil introduced the draft resolution.

Argentina, Armenia, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Jordan, Mali, Paraguay and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Social development: Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [item 28 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.9

The representative of Peru introduced the draft resolution.

Guatemala, Madagascar, Malawi, Panama and Paraguay joined in sponsoring the draft resolution

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.12

The representative of Mongolia introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, during which he made oral revisions to the draft resolution.

Antigua and Barbuda, Burundi, Cameroon, China, Croatia, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, the Niger, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, Slovenia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Advancement of women [item 29 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.24

The representative of Mongolia introduced the draft resolution.

Brazil, Chad, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Liechtenstein, Mali, Paraguay, Peru and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [item 68 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.28

The representative of Luxembourg introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Andorra, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Central African Republic, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Monaco, Montenegro, Saint Lucia, San Marino, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.29

The representative of Botswana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and other sponsors listed on the document.

Benin, Chad, Chile, the Central African Republic, Guinea-Bissau, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Morocco, the Niger and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution

Rights of indigenous peoples [item 69 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.26

The representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia introduced the draft resolution.

Argentina, Armenia, Chad, Cuba, Guatemala, Paraguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [item 106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.8

The representative of Italy introduced the draft resolution.

Austria, Belgium, Benin, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, France, Greece, Hungary, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, San Marino and Slovenia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

International drug control [item 107]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.10

The representative of Mexico introduced the draft resolution.

Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Benin, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Kazakhstan and Paraguay joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Promotion and protection of human rights [item 72]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the sub-items.

General discussion

The Committee continued its general discussion of the agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Japan, Kuwait, Eritrea, the Sudan, Nepal, El Salvador, Myanmar, Gabon, Libya, Sri Lanka, China, Botswana, Cuba, Costa Rica, Malawi, Argentina and Tonga.

A statement was made by the Vice-Chair (Georgia) to inform the Committee that Greece and Cyprus aligned themselves with the statement made by Ukraine at the 35th meeting.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Turkey, Cyprus, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, China, Japan, the Russian Federation and Ukraine.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Georgia) made a statement.

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A/ES-10/698–S/2015/807 Item 5 — Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory — Identical letters dated 21 October 2015 from the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

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Security Council

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10:00 to 13:00 — 23rd meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

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Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

15:00 to 18:00 — 17th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (A/70/95 and A/70/357) [item 56]

Continuation of general debate

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Second Committee

10:00 to 13:00 — 27th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 2

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (A/70/8, A/70/210, A/70/264 and A/C.2/70/2) [item 21]

Introductory statement (via video link), followed by "question time"

General discussion

15:00 to 18:00 — 28th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 2

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (A/70/8, A/70/210, A/70/264 and A/C.2/70/2) [item 21]

Continuation and conclusion of the general discussion

[The Second Committee programme of work and status of documentation, including background information and side events for the seventieth session of the General Assembly are available on the website of the Committee (*click here*).The list of speakers for the general discussion on individual agenda items of the Second Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should

contact, *in writing*, the Acting Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem*@*un.org)).

Deadline for inscription to the lists of speakers for the general discussion on individual agenda items is *18:00* of the day before the consideration of the item. Pursuant to General Assembly decision 65/530 on improving the working methods of the Second Committee, delegations are reminded that the time limits of *five minutes* for individual Member States and *seven minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during the general discussion on individual agenda items will be observed. The lists of speakers will be prepared on the basis of these time limits.

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are available during the session. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through PaperSmart should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2*@*un.org. The name of the mission, date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. Please note that PDF format is preferred. Statements will be made available on the Second Committee PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations.

Delegations are requested to submit, *as soon as possible*, the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Acting Secretary of the Second Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy*@*un.org; Room S-1291; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail. For inquiries regarding access to the Second Committee QuickPlace, please contact Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (e-mail 2ndcommittee*@*un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8429).

Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on Second Committee matters should be sent, *as soon as possible but no later than 17:00* of the day before the meeting, to Ms. Patricia Anholt Habr (e-mail habrp*@*un.org, tel. 1 (212) 963-5724).]

Third Committee

10:00 to 13:00 — 39th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [item 70]

   (a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (A/70/18 and A/70/321)

   (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/70/339, A/70/367, A/70/309 and A/70/335)

2. Right of peoples to self-determination (A/70/314 and A/70/330) [item 71]

Continuation and conclusion of the general discussion

15:00 to 18:00 — 40th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 1

1. Address by the President of the seventieth session of the General Assembly, His Excellency Mogens Lykketoft

2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (A/70/12, A/69/12/Add.1 and A/70/337) [item 65]

Introductory statement, followed by an interactive dialogue

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

General discussion

[The list of speakers for the general discussion on the remaining items of the Third Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail sl3rdcommittee*@*un.org). Delegations are reminded that the names of

representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail lpthirdcommittee@un.org; Room S-1286)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail. Background information on the work of the Third Committee, including the provisional programme of work for the seventieth session as well as deadlines for inscription in the speakers lists and submission of draft proposals, is available by *clicking here*. All delegations that have not yet done so are kindly requested to transmit to the secretariat of the Third Committee, the completed form listing the duly accredited diplomats of their mission wishing to use the eSponsorship platform and QuickPlace. The form should be e-mailed to thirdcommittee@un.org. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords for Third Committee QuickPlace and the eSponsorship platform, please contact Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail thirdcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4882).

Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on draft proposals should be sent to Ms. Patricia Anholt Habr (e-mail habrp@un.org). Delegations are reminded that dissemination of their statements via PaperSmart is available. Delegations wishing to circulate statements electronically should e-mail the statement(s) at least one hour in advance of expected delivery to papersmart3@un.org. The agenda item under which the statement is to be delivered, as well as the date of the meeting should be clearly indicated on the first page of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.]

Fifth Committee

10:00 — 11th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 3

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [item 134]

   Construction and property management: the seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok (A/70/356 and A/70/7/Add.3)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Pattern of conferences [item 137]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.4

Morning[1] to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Construction and property management: the seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok (A/70/356 and A/70/7/Add.3))

15:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017)

(A/70/6 (Introduction)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 1), A/70/6 (Sect. 2), A/70/6 (Sect. 2)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 3), A/70/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 4)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 5), A/70/6 (Sect. 5)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 6), A/70/6 (Sect. 7), A/70/6 (Sect. 8)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 8)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 9)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 10), A/70/6 (Sect. 11)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 12),

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 11th meeting.

A/70/6 (Sect. 13), A/70/6 (Sect. 14), A/70/6 (Sect. 14)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 15), A/70/6 (Sect. 16), A/70/6 (Sect. 17), A/70/6 (Sect. 17)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 18), A/70/6 (Sect. 18)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 19), A/70/6 (Sect. 20), A/70/6 (Sect. 21), A/70/6 (Sect. 22), A/70/6 (Sect. 23), A/70/6 (Sect. 24), A/70/6 (Sect. 24)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 25), A/70/6 (Sect. 26), A/70/6 (Sect. 27), A/70/6 (Sect. 28), A/70/6 (Sect. 28)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 28)/Corr.2, A/70/6 (Sect. 29), A/70/6 (Sect. 29A), A/70/6 (Sect. 29A)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 29B)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 29C)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 29C)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 29D), A/70/6 (Sect. 29E)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 29F), A/70/6 (Sect. 29F)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 29G), A/70/6 (Sect. 29H)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 30), A/70/6 (Sect. 31), A/70/6 (Sect. 8)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 33)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 34), A/70/6 (Sect. 35), A/70/6 (Sect. 36)*, A/70/6 (Income Sect. 1), A/70/6 (Income Sect. 2), A/70/6 (Income Sect. 3), A/70/97, A/70/86, A/70/7, A/70/16* (Chapter II A – relevant parts), A/70/80* (Chapter I), A/70/280 and A/70/280/Add.1)

[The list of speakers for the general discussion on all agenda items before the Fifth Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, in writing, Ms. Ilene McGrade (e-mail fifthcommittee *a* un.org). In addition to providing 25 copies of their statement to the Conference Room Officer, delegations are kindly requested to provide an electronic copy of their statement to the secretariat of the Committee (e-mail fifthcommittee *a* un.org), prior to the start of the meeting.

Background information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the provisional draft programme of work for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is available by *clicking here*.]

Sixth Committee

10:00 to 13:00 — 18th meeting [webcast] — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session (A/70/10) [item 83]

Administration of Justice at the United Nations [item 143]

Consideration of the outcome of the informal consultations

[Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the seventieth session of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal (*click here*) should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of the delivery to papersmart6 *a* un.org. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statement will appear on the Sixth Committee PaperSmart portal only when read out by the delegation.

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee *a* un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee *a* un.org, Room DC2-0566; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Delegates are invited to access the online form on the website of the Sixth Committee for purposes of registering for the Committee's UNITE Connections community (for the seventieth session), as well as to join the e-mail contact list of representatives attending the Sixth Committee.]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Executive meeting	

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Thirty-ninth session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 3 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

Tuesday, 3 November 2015

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 73 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

From 10:00 to 13:00, in *Conference Room 12*.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Presentation and informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Comprehensive review of special political missions" (under agenda item 57) (convened by the delegations of Finland and Mexico)

From 10:00 to 11:00, in Conference Room A.

Second Committee

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.16, entitled "Human resources development" (under agenda item 24 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Bahamas)

From 10:00 to 13:00, in Room S-25MM2.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.5, entitled "International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development, 2017" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

From 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.4, entitled "Proclamation of an International Day of Women in Science" (under agenda item 22 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Malta)

From 13:30 to 14:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Climate change" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of France)

From 14:30 to 16:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.8, entitled "Women in development" (under agenda item 24 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Rwanda)

From 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room E.

Third Committee

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

From 09:00 to 10:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping, stigmatization, discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against persons, based on religion or belief" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Egypt)

From 09:30 to 11:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.25, entitled "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto" (under agenda item 72 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Mexico, New Zealand and Sweden)

From 10:00 to 11:15, in Conference Room F.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities" (under agenda item 72) (convened by the delegation of Austria)

From 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.11, entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth" (under agenda item 28 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the Republic of Moldova)

From 11:30 to 13:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of and Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Norway)

From 13:00 to 15:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.10, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

From 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Qatar)

From 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room F.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.15, entitled "Integrating volunteering into peace and development: the plan of action for the next decade and beyond" (under agenda item 28) (convened by the delegations of Brazil and Japan)

From 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.28, entitled "Rights of the Child" (under agenda item 68 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay (for GRULAC members only)

From 16:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room F.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The human right to safe drinking water and sanitation" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegations of Germany and Spain)

From 17:00 to 18:30, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The Right to Development and Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of Human Rights" (under agenda item 72 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Cuba (for NAM members))

From 18:00 to 19:30, in Conference Room B.

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 3 November 2015

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

09:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room D
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on Third Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 12

International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8

OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

16:00 to 17:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 11

Other activities

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Tuesday, 3 November 2015

Expert Group Meeting on "Policy Responses to Low Fertility" (co-organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the East-West Center)

From 09:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Theresa Nguyen, Population Division, DESA (e-mail poppolicy@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8089).]

High-level event on "The importance of nationality in today's world" (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), in collaboration with the Permanent Missions of Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire, Germany, Italy and Thailand and the United States Mission)

From 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact UNHCR Liaison Office in New York (Ms. Anne-Christine Eriksson, (e-mail eriksson@unhcr.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5229); or Ms. Els Jellema (e-mail jellema@unhcr.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9145).]

Briefing on "Policy Responses to Low Fertility" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea and the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

From 13:00 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kim Hae-ryun, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea (e-mail korea.un_2c@mofa.go.kr).]

Briefing on "The international humanitarian-law related issues of the thirty-second International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement" (organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Abby Zeith, ICRC (e-mail azeith@icrc.org; tel. 1 (212) 599-6021); or *click here*.]

Launch of the United Nations University Policy Report entitled *What Comes after the War on Drugs?* (organized by the United Nations University (UNU))

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 12. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the UNU New York Office (e-mail kinzli@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387); to register, please *click here*).]

Special event on "Confronting the Silence: Perspectives and Dialogue on Structural Racism against people of African Descent Worldwide" (on the occasion of the International Decade for People of African Descent) (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), in collaboration with the Unitarian Universalist Association, the Department of Public Information (DPI), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the International Organization of la Francophonie, Black Lives Matter and Amnesty International USA)

From 13:30 to 15:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kellie Shandra Ognimba, OHCHR (e-mail ognimba@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 963 5348); to register, please *click here*.]

Informal discussion on international Law: 26th Legal Advisers Meeting (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Roxanne Brûlé, Permanent Mission of Canada (e-mail roxanne.brule@international.gc.ca; tel. 1 (212) 848-1179).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Tuesday, 3 November 2015

General Assembly stakeout [webcast]

11:30 — His Excellency Mogens Lykketoft (Denmark), President of the seventieth session of the General Assembly (on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly and also his recommendations to Member States to strengthen the institution and integrity of the Office of the President of the General Assembly) (press encounter)

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 — Press briefing by the Spokesperson

12:30 — His Excellency Matthew Rycroft (United Kingdom), President of the Security Council for the month of November (on the programme of work for the month)

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold plenary meetings, in the General Assembly Hall as follows:

On Thursday, 5 November 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, to consider agenda item 75 (Report of the International Court of Justice) (document (A/70/4)) and report of the Secretary-General (A/70/327)) and agenda item 78 (Report of the International Criminal Court) (note by the Secretary-General (A/70/350)) and reports of the Secretary-General (A/70/317 and A/70/346)).

On Friday, 6 November 2015, at 10:00, to consider agenda item 78 (Report of the International Criminal Court) (note by the Secretary-General (A/70/350) and reports of the Secretary-General (A/70/317 and A/70/346).

On Monday, 9 November 2015, at 10:00, to consider sub-item (b) of agenda item 113 (Election of thirty members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law), sub-item (e) of agenda item 114 (Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences) (document (A/70/107)), sub-item (f) of agenda item 114 (Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit) (document (A/70/106)) and sub-item (b) of agenda item 112 (Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council) to hold a by-election to elect a member of the Economic and Social Council (document A/70/426).

Delegations wishing to speak are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org) with copy to Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org); tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

General Assembly
Seventieth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary on Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 13:30 to 14:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to hear a briefing on the ongoing preparations for the 21st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 29 October 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Announcement

There will be an informal meeting organized by the President of the General Assembly, on Thursday, 5 November 2015, at 11:45, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to hear a briefing by the Chair of the United Nations Statistical Commission and a representative of the Statistical Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on progress in developing the global indicator framework for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 27 October 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 4 November 2015

General Assembly
Seventieth session

10:00 46th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade [item 118]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/70/221 and A/70/136)

(b) Draft resolution (A/70/L.5)

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 79 (b) (Sustainable fisheries) of the seventieth session of the General Assembly will be held from Tuesday, 10, to Tuesday, 17 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) of the seventieth session of the General Assembly will be held from Wednesday, 18, to Tuesday, 24 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

The agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was adopted on 18 September 2015 (document A/70/251 and A/70/251/Add.1), see documents A/70/252 and A/70/252/Add.1 for allocation of items.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in document A/70/100.

The programme of the work and the schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its seventieth session were issued on 7 October 2015 in document A/INF/70/3. Updates to the programme of work will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please *click here*.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; with a copy to heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

PaperSmart Services

Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is

requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

Specifically, the General Assembly conducted the elections of five non-permanent members of the Security Council for the term 2016-2017 and of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council for the term 2016-2018, during the main part of the session. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place during the resumed part of the session, in the *spring of 2016*.

Subsequently, these elections will be conducted once during each session of the General Assembly, in the spring, in accordance with the above-mentioned resolution. A memorandum, dated 22 October 2014, was sent by the Director, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, to the Chairs of the regional groups for that month.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 12th meeting on Wednesday, 4 November 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 12th meeting, in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

2015 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

The 2015 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Monday, 9 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2, and will continue from 15:00 to 18:00, if necessary.

Delegations are requested to submit, *in writing*, the names of their representatives attending the Pledging Conference to the Secretary of the Conference, Ms. Radhika Ochalik (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

The list of speakers for the Pledging Conference is now *open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, the Secretary of the Conference (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the Pledging Conference. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart@un.org.

The date and subject of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Pledging Conference PaperSmart portal (*click here*) only after delivery by delegations.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 73) (convened by the delegation of the European Union)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him" (under agenda item 129) (convened by the delegations of Sweden and Zambia)

Thursday, 5 November 2015, from 10:00 to 11:00, in Conference Room 12.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 73 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 5 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

Second Committee

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries" (under agenda item 23 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Turkey)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 09:30 to 11:00, in Conference Room E.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.20, entitled "United Nations decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)" (under agenda item 20 (h)) (convened by the delegation of the Sudan)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room E.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.9, entitled "Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty 2008-2017" (under agenda item 24 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Chile)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 13:00 to 15:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.6, entitled "Culture and sustainable development" (under agenda item 22 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room E.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.7, entitled "International financial system and development" (under agenda item 18 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Chile)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.13, entitled "Operational activities for development of the United Nations system" (under agenda item 25) (convened by the delegation of Colombia)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.3, entitled "Triennial United Nations conferences on oceans and seas" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Fiji)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 8.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Samoa Pathway" (under agenda item 20 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the Bahamas)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 17:00 to 18:30, in Conference Room B.

Third Committee

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 09:00 to 10:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.9, entitled "Promoting social integration through social inclusion" (under agenda item 28 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.23, entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room F.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.24, entitled "Improvement of the situation of women and girls in rural areas" (under agenda item 29 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.16, entitled "United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders" (under agenda item 106) (convened by the delegation of Uganda (on behalf of the African Group))

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room F.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The human right to safe drinking water and sanitation" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegations of Germany and Spain)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.7, entitled "Violence against women migrant workers" (under agenda item 29 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Indonesia and the Philippines)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 13:00 to 15:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.13, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 106) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room F.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety of journalists and the issue of impunity" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Greece)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 29 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Guyana)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room F.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.28, entitled "Rights of the Child" (under agenda item 68 (a)) (convened by the delegation Uruguay (for GRULAC members only))

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 17:00 to 19:00, in Conference Room C.

Forthcoming other meetings

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JUSCANZ Group (on Second Committee and related matters)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 09:00 to 09:45, in Conference Room 9.

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8.

International Criminal Court: Assembly of States Parties (omnibus resolution)

Friday, 6 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6.

Forthcoming other activities

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Event on "Meet the Institute of International Law" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 08:30 to 09:45, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gabriela Potts, Permanent Mission of Switzerland (e-mail gabriela.potts@eda.admin.ch; tel. 1 (917) 289-9854).]

Event on "Freedom of Religion or Belief in the Islamic Republic of Iran" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, the Baha'i International Community, and the European Centre for Law and Justice)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 13:00 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kaitlyn Pritchard, Permanent Mission of Canada (e-mail kaitlyn.pritchard@international.gc.ca; tel. 1 (212) 848-1155).]

Informal briefing on "A platform for partnerships" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany and the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For more information, please contact Mr. Ola Goransson, DESA (e-mail goranssono@un.org).]

Event entitled "Terrorism and International Criminal Law: Debate on Legal Challenges related to a prospective International Court against Terrorism" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Romania and Spain)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room E.

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Corina Badea, Permanent Mission of Romania (e-mail corina.badea@romaniaun.org); or Ms. Maria Palacios, Permanent Mission of Spain (e-mail maria.palacios@maec.es).]

Exchange of views with members of the International Law Commission on "Identification of Customary International Law" (organized by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO))

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 6.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net).]

Panel discussion on "Responsibility of States: State of play and the way forward (part III)" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of the Czech Republic, Guatemala, Mexico, Portugal and South Africa)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Petra Benesova, Permanent Mission of Germany (e-mail petra_benesova@mzv.cz); or Mr. Joao Madureira, Permanent Mission of Portugal (e-mail joao.madureira@mne.pt).]

Meeting of the Group of Friends of the International Criminal Court with the International Criminal Court President (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

Thursday, 5 November 2015, from 08:30 to 09:30, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Patrick Luna, Permanent Mission of Brazil (e-mail patrick.luna@itamaraty.gov.br; tel. 1 (212) 372-2606).]

Event on "Identification of Customary International Law: Perspectives From the Fields of International Criminal Law and the Law of the Sea" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Cyprus and Peru, in collaboration with the American Society of International Law (ASIL) and the Latin American Society of International Law (LASIL))

Thursday, 5 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Vasiliki Krasa, Permanent Mission of Cyprus (e-mail vkrasa@cyprusun.org); or Ms. Christina Hioureas (e-mail chioureas@cyprusun.org); or Mr. Angel Horna, Permanent Mission of Peru (e-mail ahorna@unperu.org).]

Event on "Investment State Arbitration: Lessons Learned" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

Thursday, 5 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Isaias Medina, Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (e-mail isaiasmedina.venezuela@gmail.com; tel. 1 (646) 684-5824).]

Panel discussion entitled "The duty of non-recognition of illegal situations in international law: Is the principle *ex iniuria non oritur ius* still valid?" (organized by Permanent Mission of Poland)

Thursday, 5 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Tomasz Tokarski, Permanent Mission of Poland (e-mail tomasz.tokarski@msz.gov.pl; tel. 1 (646) 559-7571).]

Panel discussion on "Compendium of the High Level Review of United Nations Sanctions" (on the occasion of the presentation and public release of the Compendium) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia, Finland, Germany, Greece and Sweden, the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University and Compliance and Capacity Skills International, LLC)

Thursday, 5 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Lukas Boehm, Permanent Mission of Germany (e-mail pol-hosp5-vn@newy.diplo.de; tel. 1 (212) 940-0417).]

Panel discussion on "European Union Law Aspects of the Solution of the Migration Crisis" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic)

Monday, 9 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Petra Benesova, Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic (e-mail petra_benesova@mzv.cz).]

Briefing on "The new global investment landscape – investment policies for the twenty-first century" (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD))

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ena Sawh, UNCTAD (e-mail sawh@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6893).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *November 2015*:

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United Nations Regular Budget Documentation

Introduction to Subscription Databases and Resources

Introduction to Library Services

General Assembly Documentation

Security Council Documentation

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (http://www.un.org/depts/dhl).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available via the General Assembly website (*click here*).

2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Africa is scheduled to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from Monday, 1, to Friday, 26 February 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of African States.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 13 November 2015*.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 21 November, to Friday, 16 December 2016.

This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations and non-member States, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 13 November 2015*.

The three Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division (RCIL-Africa (e-mail rcil-africa@un.org); RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org)).

2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 1 December 2015*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 2 November 2015

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Main Committees

First Committee

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22nd meeting

The Committee began its third stage of work, namely "Action on all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (88 to 105)".

The Chair made a statement.

The meeting was suspended.

The meeting was resumed.

The Chair made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico and South Africa.

General statements were made under cluster 1 (nuclear weapons) by the representatives of Australia (on behalf of a number of States), Sweden, the European Union, Cuba, Austria and Myanmar.

In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, Israel, Brazil, Ecuador, the United Kingdom (also on behalf of France and the United States), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the United States.

The Committee took action on the draft resolutions in cluster 1 (nuclear weapons).

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.1 was adopted, without a vote.

The representative of Egypt made a statement on a point of order.

The fifth preambular paragraph of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.2 was retained, by a recorded vote of 164 to 3, with 4 abstentions. The sixth preambular paragraph of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.2 was retained, by a recorded vote of 165 to 3, with 3 abstentions. The draft resolution as a whole was adopted, by a recorded vote of 151 to 5 with 19 abstentions.

The Secretary of the Committee made an oral statement pertaining to the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.15.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.15 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 133 to 26 with 17 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.20 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 119 to 48 with 11 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.21 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 121 to 49 with 8 abstentions.

The sixth preambular paragraph of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.23 was retained, by a recorded vote of 115 to 5, with 49 abstentions. The draft resolution as a whole was adopted, by a recorded vote of 113 to 46, with 15 abstentions.

The representative of Japan made a statement on a point of order..

The fifth operative paragraph of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.26 was retained, by a recorded vote of 164 to 3, with 5 abstentions. The fifteenth operative paragraph of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.26 was retained, by a recorded vote of 165 to 2, with 5 abstentions. The nineteenth operative paragraph of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.26 was retained, by a recorded vote of 162 to 1, with 9 abstentions. The draft resolution as a whole was adopted, by a recorded vote of 156 to 3, with 17 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.32 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 121 to 0, with 56 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.37 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 136 to 18, with 21 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/70/L.38 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 128 to 29, with 18 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.40 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 124 to 35, with 15 abstentions.

The sixteenth operative paragraph of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.44 was retained, by a recorded vote of 163 to 3, with 6 abstentions. The draft resolution as a whole was adopted, by a recorded vote of 119 to 42, with 16 abstentions.

The sixth preambular paragraph of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.46 was retained, by a recorded vote of 168 to 0, with 3 abstentions. The draft resolution as a whole was adopted, by a recorded vote of 174 to 1, with 3 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.51 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 129 to 24, with 24 abstentions.

Statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland and Nigeria on a point of order.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.55 was adopted, without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.56 was adopted, without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of a number of States) and Pakistan.

The Chair made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The representatives of Japan, the Syrian Arab Republic, China and Israel, made statements in exercise of the right of reply.

Second Committee

[archived video]

25th meeting

Agriculture development, food security and nutrition [item 26]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

An introductory statement was made by the Officer in Charge of the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

General discussion

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Sierra Leone (on behalf of the African Group), Bangladesh (on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries), Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Myanmar (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Australia (on behalf of the Cairns Group of Agriculture Countries), Israel, Nicaragua, Belarus, Singapore, the Russian Federation, Brazil, Qatar, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Jamaica, Gabon, Mozambique, China, Vanuatu, Thailand, Japan, Kuwait, Myanmar, Namibia and Benin.

Organization of work

The Chair (Slovenia) made a statement.

26th meeting

Agriculture development, food security and nutrition [item 26]

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

Following a statement by the Vice-Chair (Paraguay), the Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, Colombia, the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mali, Zimbabwe, India, Mongolia, Paraguay, Albania, the Niger, Kenya, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Ghana, Guatemala, Côte d'Ivoire, Nepal, Cameroon, Nigeria, Togo, Kazakhstan and Ukraine.

Statements were made by the observer of the Holy See and the observer of the State of Palestine.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (also on behalf of the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Food Programme).

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of right of reply were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Israel and Ukraine.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Paraguay) made a statement.

Third Committee

[archived video]

37th meeting

Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [item 70]

(a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Right of peoples to self-determination [item 71]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items and heard an introductory statement by the Deputy to the Head, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) a.i., who subsequently responded to questions and comments made by the representatives of Algeria and Cameroon.

The Committee heard an introductory statement by the Chair, Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, who engaged in an interactive dialogue with the representatives of Morocco, the European Union, Algeria, Mexico, Nigeria and Cameroon.

The Vice-Chair (Georgia) made a statement.

The Committee heard an oral report by the Chair, Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, who engaged in an interactive dialogue with the representatives of Morocco, Cuba, the European Union and Belgium.

The Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance also made an introductory statement and engaged in an interactive dialogue with the representatives of Brazil, Morocco, the European Union, Mexico, the Russian Federation, Armenia, Nigeria, Turkey and the United States.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Georgia) made a statement.

The Secretary made a statement.

38th meeting

Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [item 70]

(a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Right of peoples to self-determination [item 71]

General discussion

The Committee began its general discussion of the items and heard statements by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ecuador (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Botswana (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), the European Union, Kazakhstan, Colombia, Thailand, Israel, the United States, Singapore, Brazil, Cuba, Morocco, Algeria, the Russian Federation, Egypt, Nigeria, Iraq, Turkey, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Pakistan, Qatar, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kyrgyzstan and Georgia.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Latvia, Estonia, the Russian Federation, Georgia, Algeria and Morocco.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Guyana) made a statement.

Sixth Committee

[archived video]

17th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session [item 83]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 83.

The Chair made a statement.

The Chair of the International Law Commission at the sixty-seventh session made a statement introducing Chapters I to V and XII of the Report of the Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session (A/70/10).

Statements were made by the representatives of Ecuador (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)), Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Singapore, Peru, Italy, Belarus, the Netherlands, Austria, Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Romania and Nicaragua.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Arms Trade Treaty. New York, 2 April 2013

Ratification: Seychelles (2 November 2015)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Sierra Leone

His Excellency Vandi Chidi Minah

Asia-Pacific States:
China
His Excellency Liu Jieyi

Eastern European States:
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
His Excellency Vasile Andonoski

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Suriname
His Excellency Henry Leonard Mac-Donald

Western European and other States:
Iceland
His Excellency Einar Gunnarsson

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Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the Presidency

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

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